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Jerry Garza, Webb County Commissioner, Precinct 3

Summer Camp Kicks Off, Ends On A High Note

The first-ever summer-long camp at the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center proved to be everything it was intended to be: Fun, Exciting and Educational.

It kicked off the first week of June with a welcome celebration and culminated on August 11 with a farewell luncheon where two lucky participants — one boy and one girl — walked away with a brand new bicycle.

“The thing I enjoyed most about the program was that I was able to make new friends,” said Sandra Martinez, an incoming fifth grader at Ryan Elementary School.

Every week, camp participants worked on arts and crafts and heard from a wide array of presenters, including SCAN, Laredo Fire Department, Laredo Police Department, Environmental Services, and the Webb County Sheriff’s Department.



Top photo: Maria Cisneros helps Alejandro Flores, Miguel Longoria, and Mark Anthony Perez with a project as part of the weekly SCAN activities at the Center. Bottom photo: Diana Hernandez, with the Webb County Sheriff’s Department, monitors the computer as Alejandro Flores gets his fingerprints scanned as part of ongoing events at the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center.



Center staffer Rosie Sepulveda assists David Cuevas during a piñata-making project.



Meet the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center Staff



Fernando A. Salinas Community Center staff, ready to assist with a wide array of services, include from left Rocio Quiroga, center coordinator; Norma Gaona, caseworker; Eddie Zavala, director; Rosalinda Sepulveda; administrative technician; and Jesse Gamiño, maintenance/driver.

Always ready and willing to assist the public, center staff may be reached by calling 956-725-0639. Services offered at the center include housing assistance for homeless and veterans, the elderly nutritional and activities program, children's programs, CAA utility assistance, and several other activities.



Webb County Commissioner Jerry Garza, who represents Precinct 3, was recently elected President of the South Texas County Judges and Commissioners Association.

The association is made up of county judges and commissioners from 68 South Texas counties.

Commissioner Garza has been a member of this association for several years and quickly moved up the ranks; two years ago, he was elected second Vice President of the association and last year he was elected first vice president.



July birthday girls Herlinda Alonzo and Olga Juarez pose for the camera during the monthly Birthday Celebration at the center. During the day's activities, participants enjoyed a delicious cake and some of them took to the floor dancing with their favorite songs.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Meet

Toni Guerra and Belen Cantu, from left, respectively, two of the most recent additions to Webb County's CAA Family. Both Toni and Belen are housed at the Fernando A. Salinas Community Center as caseworkers.

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